Faculty Senates at UHM Peer Institutions:

Colorado State University—Fort Collins

The Faculty Council at CSU was established in 1915 and is the major policy making body for academic affairs at Colorado State University. A representative body of elected academic faculty members and ex officio members, the Faculty Council acts as the representative body for the academic faculty and performs those duties delegated to the academic faculty by acts of the legislature. The home page for the Faculty Council can be found here. More information on the Faculty Council can be found in the Academic Faculty and Administrative Professional Manual. The Faculty Council website provides information on Meeting Dates, Agendas and Minutes, Faculty Council Membership, Standing Committee Membership, and related web sites, including Executive Committee Meeting Minutes and Faculty Council Procedures.

Mississippi State University—Starkville

The Robert Holland Faculty Senate at Mississippi State University functions as a channel of communications between the faculty and the President. The Faculty Senate advises the President on matters referred to it. Members of the faculty are always welcome, though they may speak in the meeting only by a vote of the Senate. Senators are elected by their colleagues to serve a three-year term. The home page for the Faculty Senate can be found here. The Faculty Senate website provides information on the Faculty Senate Charter, Senate Membership, Meeting Agendas, Minutes and Round Table Summaries, various Senate Documents, and Senate Meeting Broadcasts.

Oregon State University—Corvallis

The Faculty Senate is the governing body at Oregon State University, representing faculty in all academic and administrative units. It has legislative responsibility regarding academic policies, educational standards, curricula, academic regulations, faculty welfare, and makes recommendations to University administration. The home page for the Faculty Senate can be found here. The Faculty Senate website provides information on Meeting Agendas, Bylaws of the Faculty Senate, its 27 Standing Committees, Faculty Senate Handbook, Senate Meeting Dates, Senate Membership, Meeting Minutes, and Webcasts of Senate Meetings, Faculty Forums and Conversations with the President.

University of Arizona—Tuscon

The University of Arizona practices shared governance with its faculty, appointed personnel, staff, students, and our ultimate governing body, the Arizona Board of Regents. Faculty members share in recommending academic curricula and academic personnel policies, of course, but also in the strategic and financial planning process; and in developing policies and procedures relative to the general operations and development of the University. The Faculty Senate home page can be found here. The Faculty Senate website
provides information on Senate Meeting Schedule, Meeting Agendas, Meeting Minutes, its 4 Standing Committees, Senate Functions, Senate Membership and Requirements, History of the Faculty Senate, and the Faculty Constitution and Bylaws.

University of Illinois—Chicago
The University of Illinois Statutes, Article II, Section 1, provide for a senate to be constituted at each campus of the University, to exercise legislative functions in matters of educational policy, such as requirements for admission to colleges and schools, requirements for degrees and certificates, and the academic calendar. Each senate shall also recommend candidates for honorary degrees, and may propose amendments to the Statutes through the University Senates Conference to the President and the Board of Trustees. The Faculty Senate home page can be found here. The Faculty Senate website provides information on Senate Membership, its 12 Standing Committees, Senate and Executive Committee Meeting Dates, Current Items and Issues, Documents, including Meeting Minutes, and Related Sites, including University Policies and University Senates Conference.

University of Kentucky—Lexington
The University of Kentucky Senate is comprised of 94 elected faculty and ex officio members with the function of determining broad academic policies. More information on the University Senate Governing Regulations can be found here. The home page for the University Senate can be found here. The Senate Council serves as the Executive Committee of the University Senate, and its home page includes information on the Senate Council Charter, Council Roster, and Council Agendas and Meeting Minutes. The University Senate website provides information on its 15 Standing Committees and 3 Councils, Senate Rules, Curricular Proposals, Senate Agendas, Senate Meeting Minutes, Senate Meeting Dates, and Senate Membership.

University of New Mexico—Albuquerque
The tradition of faculty governance of the University of New Mexico is found in the Faculty Constitution established in 1949. The University faculty has broad powers assigned to it by the Board of Regents and the Faculty Constitution and have the right of review and action in regard to the following: formulation of institutional aims; broad academic and research policies; and general faculty welfare. The Faculty Senate home page can be found here. The Faculty Senate website provides information on the Faculty Handbook, Faculty Constitution, Senate Bylaws, Senate Operations Committee, Senate Membership, Senate Meeting Dates and Agendas, Meeting Minutes, Resolutions passed by the Senate, Senate Councils and Standing Committees, Faculty Governance Newsletter, and Faculty Senate Working Documents.

University of South Florida—Tampa
The Faculty Senate is the primary faculty advisory body to the University of South Florida Tampa President, Provost, and Vice President for Health on all matters that pertain to the academic climate of the university. The Senate has the responsibility to review and make recommendations to them considering decisions on all matters pertaining to the welfare if the University, focusing particularly on those pertaining to the academic mission. The Faculty Senate home page can be found here. The Faculty Senate website provides information on
University of Utah—Salt Lake City

The Academic Senate plays an integral part in the shared governance of the University of Utah. Its status is codified both in the Policy and Procedures Manual and in the history of the University. Both Senate and Administration take the initiative in formulating issues and in developing responses to them. Much of the actual Senate work is carried out by the nine senate-elected standing committees, which work on the central academic issues of the institution. They report to the full Senate, and the Senate often acts on their proposals as well as on issues brought to its attention by the administration. An overview of the Academic Senate includes information on Senate functions, composition, and procedures. The Academic Senate home page can be found here. The Faculty Senate website provides information on Senate Meeting Agendas, Senate Meeting Schedule, Senate Meeting Summaries, Annual Reports, Executive Committee Membership, Senate Handbook, and Senate Membership.

Faculty Senates at UHM Benchmark Institutions:

University of California—Davis

The Davis Division of the Academic Senate is the mechanism through which UC Davis faculty share the responsibility of governing the University alongside the Administration. Senate authority is delegated by the University’s governing body, the Board of the Regents. The Davis Division of the Academic Senate is comprised of Standing Senate Committees with individual charges that outline the authority and scope each committee will influence and regulate. The Academic Senate home page can be found here. The Code of the Academic Senate for the University of California System and the Davis Division, which include its own bylaws and regulations, can be found here. The Academic Senate website provides information on Senate Standing Committees and Membership, Senate Organizational Chart, Senate Special Committees/Task Forces, and Senate Meeting Dates and Minutes.

University of California—Irvine

The Systemwide Academic Senate and the Divisional Senate provide the organizational framework that enables the faculty to exercise its right to participate in University of California at Irvine governance. The Academic Senate determines academic policy; sets conditions for admission and granting of degrees; authorizes and supervises courses and curricula; and advises administration on faculty appointments, promotions and budgets. The Academic Senate home page can be found here. The Academic Senate website provides information on Senate Officers, Items Under Review, Senate Annual Reports, Senate Newsletters, Senate Standing Committees Membership, Divisional Senate Assembly Membership, Senate Cabinet, Irvine Academic Senate Manual, and UC Academic Senate Manual.

University of California—San Diego

The legislative body of the San Diego Division is the Representative Assembly, which consists of 86 members (ex officio members and representatives of departments and colleges).
The Representative Assembly meets six to eight times throughout the year and acts on committee recommendations on various matters. The Representative Assembly home page, which includes updates on meeting dates, current issues and reports, can be found here. The Representative Assembly website provides information on Assembly Bylaws, Assembly Regulations, Assembly Membership, Assembly Meeting Schedule and Agendas, and its 26 Standing Committees.

University of Colorado—Boulder
The Boulder Faculty Assembly is the representative body of the faculty in our shared Boulder Campus governance. The BFA is empowered by the Regents to set academic policy and advise administration on other policy for the University of Colorado at Boulder. The Faculty Assembly home page can be found here. The Faculty Assembly website provides information on Assembly Membership, Assembly Meeting Schedule and Minutes, Approved Motions and Resolutions, Executive Committee Membership, Executive Committee Meeting Schedule and Minutes, its 14 Standing Committees, Assembly Bylaws, Assembly Rules and Assembly Initiatives.

University of Iowa—Iowa City
The Faculty Senate, composed of eighty representatives of all academic units of the University of Iowa, serves as the principal channel of communication between rank and file faculty members and the central administration of the University. The Senate may discuss and take a position on any subject of University concern, and may recommend policies on these matters to the President. The Senate also appoints faculty members to serve on the several University committees as well as the Faculty Senate committees; these committees carry out much of the work of the Senate. The Senate also consults with the Board of Regents regarding appointment of central academic officials, and with the President on the periodic performance reviews of such officials. The Faculty Senate home page can be found here. The Faculty Senate website provides information on the Senate Constitution and Bylaws, Senate Membership, Senate Meeting Schedule and Current Agenda, Archive of Meeting Agendas and Minutes, and Standing Committees, including functions, membership and annual reports.

University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill
The Office of Faculty Governance at University of North Carolina Chapel Hill provides administrative support for the Faculty Council, the Chair of the Faculty, the Secretary of the Faculty, and many of the standing committees of the General Faculty. Their work is guided by the policies and procedures outlined in the Faculty Code of University Government, which has, since 1950, outlined a system of representative participation by the university’s faculty in decision-making about key academic matters at the heart of the university’s work and mission. The Faculty Senate home page can be found here. The Faculty Senate website provides information on Faculty Council Membership, Council Resolutions, Council Agendas, Minutes and Reports, Standing Committees, Special Reports and Documents, and Faculty Governance Newsletter.

University of Pittsburgh—Pittsburgh
The Senate of the University of Pittsburgh is an official University body for shared
governance. Through its various organs, it considers and makes recommendations concerning educational policies and other matters of University-wide concern. The Senate shall foster discussion and maintain adequate communication channels among students, staff, faculty, administrative officers, and the Board of Trustees on all matters affecting the welfare of the University or its constituent members. The Faculty Senate home page can be found here. The Faculty Senate website provides information on Senate Bylaws, Faculty Assembly Membership, Senate Council Membership, Meeting Dates, Minutes and Documents, its 15 Standing Committees, Senate Matters Columns, Senate Motions, Reference Documents, and Senate Initiatives.

University of Tennessee—Knoxville
The University of Tennessee at Knoxville Faculty Senate is the representative body through which the faculty participate in University affairs and shared governance. Through committees and a democratically elected legislative body it promulgates policies and regulations regarding the general educational objectives of UTK. The Senate also considers, advises, and recommends policies and procedures in other matters which concern the general welfare of the faculty including criteria for faculty appointment, dismissal, promotions, tenure, and retirement; criteria for the selection of the chief academic officer and other campus administrative officers; criteria; priorities for the University budget; priorities for the University development plan; and changes in physical facilities. The Faculty Senate home page can be found here. The Faculty Senate website provides information on Senate Membership, Senate Meeting Minutes, Senate Agendas, Minutes, Publications and Reports, and Senate Governing Documents and Resources, including Senate Bylaws and Faculty Handbook.

University of Washington—Seattle
The University of Washington Faculty Senate serves as the legislative body of the University Faculty, with whom the President of the University shares the responsibility of formulating regulations and procedures for the immediate government of the University on such matters as: educational policy and general welfare; policy for the regulation of student conduct and activities; scholastic policy, including requirements for admission, graduation, and honors; approval of candidates for degrees; criteria for faculty tenure, appointment, and promotion; and recommendations concerning campus and University budgets. The Faculty Senate home page can be found here. The Faculty Senate website provides information on Meeting Dates, Senate Membership, Senate Meeting Minutes, Reports, Approved Legislation, Senate Committees, Current Issues Under Consideration, and Faculty Code and Governance, including the Faculty Code, Senate Bylaws, and Faculty Councils, Committees and Representatives.